

MITCHELL WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY EDITION

March 8, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Mitchell Families,

Our 7th grade students had a wonderful time at their B Street Theatre field trip this past Tuesday.

Our 6th graders will have the opportunity to attend the IMAX Theatre on Monday, April 20. Additional details will be shared as the date approaches.

Our 8th graders are invited to attend Sunsplash on Tuesday, May 19. The cost for Sunsplash is \$25 per student, which is a reduced price thanks to funds raised by the 8th grade class during the Marauder Mile. Students will watch a slideshow presentation this Tuesday with more information, permission slips will be distributed in Advisory.

Please note that students must meet the eligibility criteria in order to attend the grade level field trips.

[Grade Level Activities, p. 21.](#)

5 STAR Student Store

Over the past few weeks, students have been earning points for demonstrating our 3 B's: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Students may redeem their points through our digital student store in 5-Star.

<https://mtms.fcusd.org/students/5-star>

Please encourage students to use their points. The digital store opens on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. and closes at the end of the day. Items selected for purchase will be delivered on Fridays toward the end of 7th period. Thank you for your continued support!

Mitchell PTSO Spring Meeting

We rescheduled our PTSO Spring Meeting for this Thursday. Join us at 5:30pm via Teams.

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 243 706 003 237 9

Passcode: Rk7gA2A4

Reminder: Minimum Days - Mark Your Calendar

The majority of our minimum days are scheduled during the second semester. This allocation supports state testing and quarter/end-of-year grading. Please see below for the list of minimum days, dismissal time 12:45pm.

- Friday, March 13 - End of Quarter 3
- Wednesday, March 25
- Wednesday, April 15
- Friday, May 8
- Friday, May 22
- Wednesday, May 27
- Thursday, May 28

8th Grade Families - Yearbook

We are excited to announce that 8th grade yearbooks are still available for purchase! 🎉

- **This year's yearbook will include:** the 8th grade panorama photo, pictures from the CHS and The Rink field trips, 8th grade Baby pics, Team Sports pictures, and Club sections! This is a great keepsake that captures our entire class together and will be printed directly in the yearbook.

Yearbooks are a wonderful way for students to remember their middle school experience, classmates, and milestones as they prepare for the next chapter. A great option to celebrate your student is by purchasing a family message to your student that they can cherish for years to come. Please be sure to place your order before the deadline to guarantee your student receives a copy. [Click here](#) to purchase your yearbook before we sell out! Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating our 8th graders!

FLEX UPDATE

- Students will choose their Flex sessions this Tuesday during Advisory for just Wednesday and Thursday this week. We will not have Flex on Friday due to the end of the marking period. Absent students should log in from home to sign up before 1 PM Tuesday in Adaptive Scheduler (via PowerSchool).
- Thank you for helping your student make purposeful Flex choices each week!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

Parental support plays an important part in helping preteens and teens succeed in middle school. But as students grow more independent during these years, it can be hard for parents to know which situations call for involvement and which call for a more behind-the-scenes approach. [Here are 10 ways to keep your child on track for academic success in middle school.](#) [\[en español\]](#)

The third quarter marking period ends this week on March 13. Developing good habits and making efforts now will have long-lasting effects for your student. Please encourage your students to take advantage of campus resources, but then look like a superhero when you show your student a variety of resources to help:

- [Some Tips to Catch Up and Become More Organized](#) [article]
- [How to Get Ahead at School](#) [article]
- [How to Get Ahead in School: Study Tips](#) [video]

Try out our district's [Calming Room](#) for ways to destress and keep positive energy for you or your student. Also remember that FCUSD is providing access to [Care Solace](#) services until December 2026.

Does your student need support to continue this marking period successfully? Our staff offers [opportunities](#) to create academic success here at Mitchell Middle School in the new quarter. Please do not wait until May to ask the questions and look for the opportunities that will build strong learning and skills in January.

Families and students have access to all *state test results* in PowerSchool. You cannot access these on a mobile phone: you must be on a laptop, Chromebook, or computer. If you have questions about any of your student's scores or how to locate them, please contact chatcher@fcusd.org.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ATTENDANCE TEAM

When is it Okay for my Child to Stay Home

It is important to stay home when your child is truly sick. Keep your child home if they have:

- A fever of 100.4°F or higher (wait 24 hours after it's gone with no medicine)
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- A contagious illness like strep throat, pink eye, or COVID-19

If your child just has a mild cough, runny nose, or feels a little tired, it is usually okay to send them to school. They can always visit the nurse if they need a break.

Click here: [Report an Absence](#)

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

- Monday, March 9: Academic After School Help, Boys Volleyball Tryouts
- Tuesday, March 10: Academic After School Help, Boys Volleyball Tryouts
- Wednesday, March 11: Academic After School Help, Enrollment Support for Families
- Thursday, March 12: PTSO General Meeting
- Friday, March 13: End of Quarter 3, Minimum day

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 16 - March 20: CAST Testing
- March 18 - March 19: Math Placement Test (6th and 7th Grade Only)
- Friday, March 20: Science Fair
- March 24 - March 26: CAASPP ELA Testing
- Wednesday, March 25: Minimum Day
- April 3 - April 10: Spring Break - No Instruction
- Wednesday, April 15: Math CAASPP Testing, Minimum Day 12:45pm, School Site Council Meeting

- Thursday, April 16: Band Field Trip
- Monday, April 20: 6th Grade Field Trip
- Friday, April 24: School Dance
- Saturday, April 25: Planet Earth Field Trip
- Sunday, April 26: SEVA Awards Night
- April 30 - May 1: Spring Musical - Cinderella

In partnership,
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